

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-31 and 34-67 were previously canceled. Without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 32-33 and 68-79 are canceled by this amendment. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Claims 80-93 are pending.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 80 and 93.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1

Claims 32-33 are rejected as allegedly not enabled by the specification. August 17, 2009, Office Action ("Office Action") at 5-7. Without acquiescing to the Examiner's rationale and solely to facilitate prosecution, claims 32-33 are canceled, rendering this rejection moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 81-92

Claims 81-92 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as allegedly being substantial duplicates of claims 68-79. Office Action at 2-5. Applicant respectfully traverses. The Examiner states that "it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim." *Id.* Claims 81-92 differ from claims 68-79 in that the two sets of claims depend from different independent claims—claims 80 and 32, respectively—which contain different limitations. Therefore, the claims are not substantial duplicates. Additionally, claims 68-79 have not been

allowed. Office Action at 1. Therefore, this objection is improper. Applicant respectfully points out that this rejection is also rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 68-79. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Claims 68-79

Claims 68-79 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Office Action at 8. This objection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 68-79. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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